

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 396 – SB 732

February 27, 2017

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Prohibits the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) from approving an initial or renewal application for a higher education institution to participate as a State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) institution unless the institution is designated as a Tennessee Veterans Education Transition Support (VETS) campus pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-7-1307.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004223): Deletes and rewrites the bill to make technical changes to the existing complaint investigation and resolution process, as codified under the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Act, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-7-1506; and requires the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) to consult with the Tennessee SARA institution indicated in the complaint.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Passage of this bill as amended will require THEC to consult with each individual Tennessee SARA institution when a complaint has been filed by a student enrolled at their institution. It provides the statutory authority for THEC to consult with each Tennessee SARA institution exclusively, rather than with the larger overseeing entity of the Tennessee Board of Regents and the University Of Tennessee Board Of Trustees.
- These actions will be taken and performed within the normal course of business. Therefore, no significant fiscal impact to state government.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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